

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Introduced by: Burton

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION Urging the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Indiana State Board of Education to notify public schools in Indiana concerning the acceptable use of the Bible and other great works as part of the regular curriculum.

Whereas, Students in Indiana benefit from studies in a variety of subjects, which enhance a student's understanding of the world,

Whereas, Indiana's teachers are exemplary in teaching students about the many wonders of the world, and explaining to them the different beliefs held by many people,

Whereas, Understanding and knowing about different beliefs embraced by people around the world can only help our Indiana children approach those with different beliefs from a position of academic curiosity and respect,

Whereas, The Bible has been read for hundreds of years, and is the best-selling book in the history of the world,

Whereas, The Bible has been studied by scholars for



generations, serving as a tool for historical reference and explaining the reasons why people of one particular faith believe as they do,

Whereas, The Bible is one of many great works of literature that should be taught to students, so that they may have a greater understanding of the world and its people,

Whereas, Recent court cases have closely defined the lines to be drawn between church and state, and these cases support the teaching of religious works as literature,

Whereas, Indiana students will benefit academically and will benefit in their understanding of people when our schools include all great works of literature in their teaching, including the Bible and other works,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Indiana State Board of Education are urged to notify local boards of education and public school administrators concerning recent court cases that closely define the permissible use of the Bible and other great works of literature in public instruction.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Indiana State Board of Education.

